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Application No.: 10/611,626

Applicant: Alfred Thomas

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Title: Gaming Machine Having A Player Time-Selectable Bonus Award Scheme

Art Unit: 3714

Examiner: Sunit Pandya

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Draft of Proposed Amendments for Claims 1 and 15 for Discussion Purposes Only

1. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game comprising:
in response to receiving a wager to play a current play of the wagering game, randomly
selecting a current game outcome from a plurality of game outcomes;
displaying at least a portion of the current game outcome;
in response to the current game outcome meeting a predetermined criterion, accruing but
not displaying a winning outcome associated with the current game outcome
based on a predetermined criterion;
after the current play is concluded and the player of the wagering game is allowed to
place another wager to play another play subsequent to the current play, providing
an option to a player of the wagering game to redeem the accrued winning
outcome at a time of the player's choice;
in response to the option being exercised by the player, displaying a winning symbol
combination of the winning outcome to the player; and
awarding a value payout associated with the winning symbol combination.

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15. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game, the wagering game including a pay table defining a plurality of value payouts and a corresponding plurality of winning symbol combinations associated with the respective value payouts, the method comprising:

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displaying a first symbol array in response to receiving a wager from a player;
accruing a winning outcome if the first symbol array includes a predetermined symbol or combination of symbols;
incrementing a number on a counter display viewable by the player in response to accruing the winning outcome, the number on the counter display indicating the number of winning outcomes that the player has accrued;
providing an option to the player to redeem the accrued winning outcome at a time of the player's choice;
in response to the option being exercised by the player, displaying a winning symbol combination and decrementing the number on the counter display; and
awarding a value payout associated with the winning symbol combination.